

House Resolution No. 4136

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are deeply saddened by the news of recent passing of Ronald H. “Ron” Slaten, of St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Ron Slaten was born on April 29, 1948 in St. Louis, Missouri, the beloved son of Mary Bryant of Rock Hill, Missouri, and the late Paul Witt; and

Whereas, Ron Slaten attended school in the Kirkwood School District and later moved to Rock Hill, where he graduated in 1965 from Webster Groves High School; and

Whereas, Ron Slaten attended Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri, its first non-athlete African-American student, and he graduated in 1969 with a degree in finance and marketing; and

Whereas, Ron Slaten’s first job after graduation was with the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church Extension under Rev. Frank Z. Cummings, after which he held positions as a Financial Manager at The Urban League of St. Louis for fifteen years, Annie Malone Children's Home, the City of Vinita Terrace, Touche Ross CPA, and several other companies, ending his career as a Comptroller for Grace Hill Settlement House; and

Whereas, Ron Slaten was one of the founding members of the St. Louis Chapter of The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), where he remained an active member until the end of his life, a member of the Optimists Club, and was honored as the first male “Jewel” of the Missouri Conference W.M.S. of the A.M.E. Church and was the proud recipient of the First District’s Layman of the Year Award for the A.M.E. Church; and

Whereas, Ron Slaten was a member of Frontiers International, served as steward and treasurer of Olive Chapel A.M.E. Church, and was chairman of the Zoning Commission for Bellerive Acres; and

Whereas, a man who valued relationships, Ron Slaten was known and respected for his kindness, consideration, generosity, friendliness, and keen sense of humor and was specially appreciated for his outstanding community service, his famous barbecue, and the annual “Slatenfest”; and

Whereas, Ron Slaten will be long and well remembered by his wife of twenty-four years, Sheila Walker Slaten; his mother, Mary Bryant of Rock Hill; his daughter, Carmen Bonner of Lake St. Louis, Missouri; his two granddaughters; his five brothers; his two uncles; his two aunts; a special niece, Kerri Walker of Wildwood, Missouri; and a host of other relatives and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our most sincere condolences to the family of Ron Slaten on this sad occasion; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the memory of Ronald H. “Ron” Slaten.

Offered by _____
Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4136, adopted September 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker